

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 are amended and claims 18-20 are added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Najjar and Examiner Ismael in the October 5 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. §103 Rejection**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11-13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP 1050831 (hereinafter "EP '831") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,809,176 to Kish et al. (hereinafter "Kish"); rejects claims 4, 5, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP '831 in view of Kish and further in view of EP 1111517; and rejects claims 7, 9, 10, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP '831 in view of Kish and further in view of Applicants' alleged admission of prior art. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Independent claim 1 recites a system for providing document change information to at least one user and for saving a changed document, and that includes, among other features, a document representation storage, for storing representations of saved changed documents, the document representation storage further storing a first predetermined number of most recently changed versions of documents irrespective of a document change monitoring element's indication of significance and a user's indication of significance and storing a second predetermined number of versions of documents based upon at least one of said document change monitoring element's indication of significance and a user's indication of significance, wherein versions of documents stored in a first set including the first predetermined number of most recently changed versions of documents are subsequently stored in a second set

including the second predetermined number of versions of documents based upon at least one of said document change monitoring element's indication of significance and a user's indication of significance. Support for the above features may be found throughout the original specification and drawings. For example, specific support may be found in the original specification at least at page 9, line 29 through page 10, line 20.

As discussed during the interview, the applied prior art references cannot, alone or in any combination, reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of features recited in claim 1. Independent 11 includes features similar to those addressed above with respect to claim 1 and, therefore, no combination of the applied prior art references can reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of features recited in claim 11 for at least the same reasons addressed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 2-10 and 12-17 depend from one of claims 1 and 11, respectively, and therefore, no combination of the applied prior art references a can reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of features recited in claims 2-10 and 12-17 for at least the respective dependence of these claims on an allowable independent claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of claims 2-10 and 12-17 recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

## **II. New Claims 18-20**

New claim 18 is similar to claim 1, but does not include the last two features recited in claim 1. Independent claim 18 recites a system for providing document change information to at least one user and for saving a changed document, that includes, among other features, a user evaluation interface for enabling a user to indicate the significance of a notified change, in which the system is arranged to store a predetermined number of changed versions of

documents in a document representation storage based on a user's indication of significance. Support for the above features may be found throughout the original specification and drawings. For example, specific support may be found in the original specification at least at page 3, lines 3-7; page 6, line 22 through page 7, line 16; and page 9, lines 29-33.

The Office Action asserts that EP '831 teaches such a user evaluation interface at page 4, lines 16-19. This is incorrect.

For example, EP '831 at page 4, lines 16-19, merely states that "by coupling the document change monitoring agent with a recommender system, users who have recommended items which have since changed can be notified of that change, if they so desire. The recommender system is extended to provide users with the means to evaluate the nature and importance of the change. This evaluation can then be shared with other users of the recommender system, using "filter mechanisms."

The cited passage cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, a system that is arranged to store a predetermined number of changed versions of documents in a document representation storage based on a user's indication of significance, as recited in claim 18. None of the other cited references correct the above deficiency of EP '831 with respect to claim 18.

For at least this reason, Applicants assert that the applied prior art references cannot, alone or in any combination, reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, the combination of features recited in claim 18. Claims 19 and 20 depend from claim 18 and, therefore, no combination of the applied prior art references can reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of features recited in claims 19 and 20 for at least the respective dependence

of these claims on an allowable independent claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of claims 19 and 20 recites.

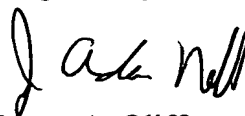
Accordingly, allowance of claims 18-20 is respectfully requested.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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